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H.B. No. 890

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 890:

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C.S.H.B. No. 890

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain custom vehicles and street rods.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
is amended by adding Section 501.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.038. CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR CUSTOM VEHICLE OR  
STREET ROD. (a) In this section, "custom vehicle" and "street rod"  
have the meanings assigned by Section 504.501.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, if  
the department issues a certificate of title for a custom vehicle or  
street rod, the model year and make of the vehicle must be listed on  
the certificate of title and must be the model year and make that  
the body of the vehicle resembles. The certificate of title must  
also include the word "replica."

(c) The owner of the custom vehicle or street rod shall  
provide the department with documentation identifying the model  
year and make that the body of the vehicle resembles.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 504.501, Transportation  
Code, as effective September 1, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.501. CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS;  
CUSTOM VEHICLES; STREET RODS.

SECTION 3. Section 504.501, Transportation Code, as  
effective September 1, 2011, is amended by amending Subsection (a)  
and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

1 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
2 a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old or is a custom vehicle  
3 or street rod. The license plates must include the word or words  
4 "Classic," "Custom Vehicle," or "Street Rod," or a similar  
5 designation, as appropriate.

6 (d) Notwithstanding Chapter 547, a custom vehicle or street  
7 rod eligible to receive license plates under this section is not  
8 required to be equipped with a specific piece of equipment unless  
9 the specific piece of equipment was required by statute as a  
10 condition of sale during the year listed as the model year on the  
11 certificate of title.

12 (e) On initial registration of a custom vehicle or street  
13 rod, the owner must provide proof, acceptable to the department,  
14 that the custom vehicle or street rod passed a safety inspection  
15 that has been approved by the department. The department shall  
16 create a safety inspection process for inspecting custom vehicles  
17 and street rods.

18 (f) In this section:

19 (1) "Custom vehicle" means a vehicle:

20 (A) that is:

21 (i) at least 25 years old and of a model  
22 year after 1948; or

23 (ii) manufactured to resemble a vehicle  
24 that is at least 25 years old and of a model year after 1948; and

25 (B) that:

26 (i) has been altered from the  
27 manufacturer's original design; or

1                   (ii) has a body constructed from materials  
2 not original to the vehicle.

3           (2) "Street rod" means a vehicle:

4                   (A) that was manufactured:

5                           (i) before 1949; or

6                           (ii) after 1948 to resemble a vehicle  
7 manufactured before 1949; and

8                   (B) that:

9                           (i) has been altered from the  
10 manufacturer's original design; or

11                           (ii) has a body constructed from materials  
12 not original to the vehicle.

13           SECTION 4. Section 548.052, Transportation Code, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15           Sec. 548.052. VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. This  
16 chapter does not apply to:

17                   (1) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile  
18 home moving under or bearing a current factory-delivery license  
19 plate or current in-transit license plate;

20                   (2) a vehicle moving under or bearing a paper dealer  
21 in-transit tag, machinery license, disaster license, parade  
22 license, prorated tab, one-trip permit, antique license, custom  
23 vehicle license, street rod license, temporary 24-hour permit, or  
24 permit license;

25                   (3) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile  
26 home having an actual gross weight or registered gross weight of  
27 4,500 pounds or less;

1           (4) farm machinery, road-building equipment, a farm  
2 trailer, or a vehicle required to display a slow-moving-vehicle  
3 emblem under Section 547.703;

4           (5) a former military vehicle, as defined by Section  
5 504.502 [~~502.275~~];

6           (6) a vehicle qualified for a tax exemption under  
7 Section 152.092, Tax Code; or

8           (7) a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been  
9 issued but that is not required to be registered.

10         SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.